

in the legal profession, of course, and also in the business community. It should be noted that this is not just something that has happened in our time. On the contrary, the law school has played an important role in training lawyers, judges, government officials, and businessmen in Maryland since it began instructing young men in jurisprudence in the early part of the nineteenth century.

But so much for the past — let us look to the future. It is evident that the law school of the University of Maryland will be called upon to shoulder the major responsibility for the legal training of our youth in the future. Not only that, we may expect this institution — this building which we are dedicating here today — to become a center of legal scholarship and of advanced learning in the science of law. Already, those of us in high government position have come to rely heavily upon the members of the law faculty for advice and guidance in many fields of politics and government. As the government of the people becomes more complex, with the growing complexity of the society in which we live, it is reasonable to expect that the scholars who have gathered here to teach jurisprudence will be in even greater demand in the years ahead. In store for the future also are higher standards of legal scholarship and legal training — standards that are high enough to meet the exigencies of a changing and improving society. The level of scholarship in law, as in all the other disciplines, will continue to rise, and this law school must be so equipped and so endowed as to be able to meet the new demands.

This physical plant will be of great service in the stronger effort we must make to improve legal scholarship and legal training, although let me emphasize a point all of use here recognize — that *physical plant alone will not fulfill our needs. Let me say parenthetically, before ending these remarks, that I am pleased that this new state building constitutes a part of the enlightened and ambitious program which the City of Baltimore has undertaken to rejuvenate its central business area. This is the first building that we have completed in this project for the expansion of the Baltimore campus of the University as a part of the city's urban renewal program.*

The State, in this building and in other parts of the city, welcomes the opportunity to be of assistance to its principal city in the remarkable job it has done, and is doing, in building for the future. Within a few days, we will be celebrating in Maryland, as people will be celebrating elsewhere throughout the country, "Law Day, U.S.A., 1966", a date on which we remind ourselves that our liberty, our right to